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Subject:- Categories of foreigners who should be granted Diplomatic and Official visas for India.

The following categories of foreigners should be granted Diplomatic visas for India.

(1) All members of reigning houses and Presidential families and members of ex-reigning houses who are personae gratae to Government of India. (Members of ex-Presidential families are private persons, and should be treated as such unless special considerations make such a course undesirable.)

(2) Members of the Diplomatic Service of foreign States and foreign consular officers de carrière proceeding to or returning from their posts, or travelling to, or through, India on official business.

(3) Cabinet Ministers and improvement salaried officials of foreign Governments on official missions.

(4) Representatives and officials of the United Nations and of other international organisations when travelling in their official capacity on official business of their organisation, in the cases for which the grant of diplomatic visas has been specifically authorised. (See Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations Circular No.PV.13, dated the 9th October 1948)

(5) Subject to any exceptions that may be notified, regular foreign diplomatic couriers, that is to say, either those whose names appear on an official list furnished by the Government concerned or those who hold passports which leave their status in no doubt. Occasional messengers may also be accorded diplomatic visas at the discretion of Indian Representatives.

(6) Wives and families of persons included in categories (2), (3) and (4), if travelling with those persons, or proceeding to or from the posts at which the latter are stationed.

(7) Servants of persons to whom diplomatic visas have been granted should also receive diplomatic visas when travelling with their employers; when they are travelling alone on their way to or from posts at which they have been employed they should receive ordinary gratis visas.

" Official" visas may be granted, where the grant of diplomatic visas is not justified, to foreign Government officials travelling on official business for their Government and to personal of delegations and officials of the international organisations named in the circular instructions referred to in (4) when travelling on official business of the organisation, ~~on production of evidence of heir official of the organisation,~~ on production of evidence of their official status and of the nature of their journay, and subject to the conditions laid down in the circular instructions referred to.

3. Cases are bound to arise where, although an applicant for a diplomatic or official visa does not fall within the above categories, it would none the less be undesirable for spedial reasons to refuse such a visa. In these circumstances the application may be granted if specially authorised by the Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations or the head of the diplomatic mission concerned.

4. In cases where it is considered undesirable to accede to an application for a diplomatic or official visa, but desirable on grounds of international courtesy to facilitate a journey, an ordinary visa without charge may be granted, at the discretion of the Diplomatic or Consular Officer.

5. In countries where an Indian diplomatic mission is stationed or there are more than one Consular posts, the subordinate Consular offices should not generally grant diplomatic visas except under the authority of the diplomatic mission or the senior most consular post, as the case may be.

6. Diplomatic and Official visas are granted without charge.

7. The grant of a diplomatic visa does not imply that the person to whom the visa is granted is entitled to diplomatic privileges and immunities in India although it may sometimes, be the case that the person concerned is so entitled.

8. Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Reäations Circular No.PV.I. dated the 9th December 1947, should also be seen for instructions regarding the procedure and form fof affixing Diplomatic and Official visas on passports.

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Under Secreary to the Government of India.

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